

so excelled in his duties that he was assigned to flying an F-16C, the most advanced fighter/bomber in the Air Force. As a member of the elite Thunderbirds, Jim performs a variety of roles: pilot, operations officer, show evaluator, and safety observer.

For years, I as well as other Americans have enjoyed and marveled at the Thunderbirds. These exceptional aviators do more than just entertain a crowd. They serve to demonstrate individual talents, and collective skills that are second to none. It is no wonder that our Air Force pilots are considered the world's best. I am delighted that Jim is a part of this legacy of excellence.

Every summer, Ellsworth Air Force Base holds an annual air show which attracts thousands of spectators. Many South Dakotans come to enjoy an assortment of exhibits and historical information.

In addition, the base displays a fantastic array of aircraft on the ground and in the air. At this year's show held on July 9, the Thunderbirds were the featured attraction. So it was a homecoming for Jim Harder, a homecoming that he was able to share with his father, Elwood. I am sure no South Dakotan was more proud of Jim Harder and his fellow Thunderbirds than Elwood Harder.

Mr. President, I take great pride in sharing with my colleagues, the visitors in the gallery, and C-SPAN viewers at home the extraordinary achievements of my fellow South Dakotans.

Jim Harder is yet another standout South Dakotan who has excelled in his field. His versatile role in the Air Force Thunderbirds is a job that requires dedication and diligent persistence. Most important, Jim's skills and expertise elevates the level of performance of his fellow fliers.

Teamwork and individual dedication are why the Thunderbirds are respected throughout the world. And individuals like Jim Harder—a man who chose to devote his talents to the service of his country—are the reasons why our Nation's defense remains strong. Again, on behalf of all South Dakotans, I commend Jim Harder for his extraordinary accomplishments. I wish him continued success with the Air Force Thunderbirds.

#### IN HONOR OF RUSS HANSEN

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, we all know that life on a farm is not always easy. Few people know that farming is one of this country's most hazardous industries. Unforeseen accidents often occur, and try as we might to avoid them, they seem to strike when we least expect it.

In 1993, one tragic incident took place on a farm in my home State. Russ Hansen, a 39-year-old farmer from Spink County, was killed in a farming accident, leaving behind his wife, Mary, and three children, Joshua, Jeff, and Jill.

Words cannot fully console the mind when tragedies such as these happen. We try to pay homage to those who have passed away, but nothing will ever replace loved ones we have lost. Tributes remind us of the person we once knew so well—and in their own special way help ease the pain.

It was made known recently that the Hansen family will have a living memorial in honor of their father and husband. Russ was a true steward of the land—a farmer who through his knowledge of the earth sought to make the most of it and for it. Before he died, Russ donated some of his farmland to South Dakota State University [SDSU]. The school used the land to test varieties of wheat. Because of Russ' love of the land and devotion to the SDSU research, the school announced this spring that the tests on his land have yielded a new hard red spring wheat. It is a wheat that is proving to be resistant to disease, pests, and shattering. And in a fitting tribute, the wheat will be called "Russ." It is expected to be on the general market by 1997.

Mr. President, no single person in this country has consistently been the source of more innovation than the American farmer. The ritual of farming is not just planting, growing, and harvesting. It is a quest to innovate and challenge the land to produce something it has never produced before. Russ Hansen was that kind of American farmer. I am sure Mary, Joshua, Jeff, and Jill Hansen are proud that Russ' legacy will live on in the hearty new brand of wheat that will bear his name. I am proud of Russ' lifetime of devotion to the land, and the innovators at South Dakota State University who worked with Russ to achieve this new high-quality wheat. It is a great achievement for SDSU and an ever-lasting tribute to Russ Hansen.

I ask unanimous consent to have a related article printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### NEW WHEAT NAMED AFTER FARMER (By Jennifer DeAnn Olson)

FRANKFORT.—Memorials come in unexpected ways.

Mary Hansen received a phone call this spring saying that scientists at South Dakota State University in Brookings had developed a new variety of hard red spring wheat. They had named the variety Russ after Hansen's husband, a 39-year-old Spink County farmer and feedlot operator who died in a 1993 farm accident.

"Finding out about it, we were totally surprised," Hansen said from her Frankfort farm. "We were very proud and pleased."

Russ Hansen had worked closely with the people from SDSU during his years of farming, donating land to be used as test plots.

"You had to know Russ. He could talk to anybody," Hansen said, "I think it was more than a working relationship (with SDSU), it was a friendship."

This friendship was obviously worth remembering. It yielded a high-yield wheat, resistant to disease, pests and shattering, once known as SD8073, now named Russ. The vari-

ety, now being tested by certified seed growers, should be ready for the general market by 1997.

Mary Hansen still lives on the farm. She has sold the cattle and rented out her property. And the wheat variety has been especially important to the Hansen's three children—Joshua, 13; Jeff, 12; and Jill, 9.

"It really says a lot about Russ," Hansen said.

"Russ has been gone almost two years now, but he'll always be around," she added.

#### THE 1995 SIOUX FALLS CANARIES

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, when I was growing up in Humboldt, SD, professional baseball flourished throughout my State. I remember many games from the now-defunct Basin League. Those contests of skill and team play stirred within me a love and appreciation for America's favorite pastime.

During the recent Fourth of July holiday, I was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch for the Sioux Falls Canaries in its game against the Timber Bay Whiskey Jacks. Despite many wonderful plays and an enthusiastic crowd, the Canaries lost. Nevertheless, the evening was entertaining and exciting. It was baseball the way it should be played. The players demonstrated superb individual skills, team dedication, and enjoyment of the game itself.

Mr. President, South Dakota professional baseball has a long and colorful history as old as the State itself. It was in Sioux Falls in 1889, the year South Dakota was granted statehood, when a pro baseball team wearing bright yellow uniforms was formed in the city. The team was named the "Yellow Kids," after a comic strip that appeared in the Sioux Falls Press. Upon viewing the team, Guy LaFollette, a local sportswriter for the Press, suggested the nickname "Canaries." LaFollette continued to refer to the team as the Canaries in his sports articles. The label stuck. Eventually, the Canaries became the official name of the team.

Despite having a reputation of hiring away the best players from the other teams, the original Sioux Falls Canaries lasted until 1903, when their class D league, the Iowa and South Dakota League, folded.

Sioux Falls would be without a pro team until 1920 when the Sioux Falls Soos [Sues] began play in the South Dakota League. The team's manager, Fred Carisch, was a veteran of the 1902 Canaries team. In 1924, the Sioux Falls team changed its name back to the Canaries because the Sioux City Cardinals joined the Canaries as part of a new, expanded, Tri-State League. Apparently, the thought was the two birds—the Canaries and the Cardinals—sounded better when they played. Unfortunately, the league and the teams were disbanded after only one season.

Professional baseball returned again to Sioux Falls in 1930, when Rex Stucker organized a new version of the Canaries, which played in an independent circuit for three seasons. The team

joined the Nebraska State League in 1933, which was renamed the "Western League" in 1938, when teams from Colorado, Wyoming, Minnesota, and Iowa joined.

In 1942, Rex Stucker upgraded the Sioux Falls Canaries from the Class C Western League to the Class D Northern League. However, World War II stopped league play after the 1942 season, and it would not resume until 1946. At that point, the Canaries was an independent team not affiliated with a major league baseball franchise. That would change in 1947, when Stucker sold the Canaries to Mory Levinger, owner of the Happy Hour bar in Sioux Falls. Soon afterward, Levinger struck an agreement with the Chicago Cubs to make the Canaries one of its farm teams. However, in 1953, Levinger sold the team to Winnipeg and Sioux Falls again was without professional baseball.

In 1966, Sioux Falls became the home of a new team, which moved from the semiprofessional Basin League to the Northern League. This team was known as the Packers, however, not the Canaries, and was owned by a group of Sioux Falls businessmen. This team was a farm club for the Cincinnati Reds. In fact, several Packers would become standouts in the big leagues, most notably Ken Griffey, Sr. The Packers stayed in the Northern League until the league folded after the 1971 season. Sioux Falls would be without a pro baseball team for more than 20 years.

In the early 1990's, Miles Wolff spent 2 years traveling the Upper Midwest meeting with interested baseball people and examining existing facilities. By this time, the Upper Midwest had been the only area of the Nation without minor league baseball. Mr. Wolff rightly saw it as an area ripe for minor league baseball expansion.

In June 1993, the fourth version of the Northern League began with six organizations, including one in Sioux Falls. The organization was honored to bring back the name of the first Sioux Falls pro team, the Canaries.

Mr. President, I am proud the Sioux Falls community has given such great support to the Canaries. In the inaugural 1993 season, the Canaries drew 86,187 in attendance. Last year, attendance grew to just shy of 100,000. This season promises to be no less of a banner year for Sioux Falls Canaries' fan support. Currently, each home game is averaging 2,704 fans in attendance. This high level of fan support is prevalent throughout the entire Northern League. All six of the Northern League teams are ranked nationally in the top 11 for average attendance per game for independent baseball leagues.

As with any quality sports team, the key to success begins with an effective management team and great support staff. In my opinion, the Canaries has one of the best organizations of any independent league team. I salute team president Harry Stavarnos and vice

presidents Mark Wilson, Buzz Hardy, and Rick Tracy for their leadership in guiding the Canaries to success. Field leadership of the team is in the capable hands of manager Dick Dietz, hitting instructor Frank Verdi, coach Hiro Shirahata and player-coach Mike Burton.

The Sioux Falls Canaries' commitment to winning is not only exemplified by its management but also by the hard work and dedication of the players. The Canaries have amassed a win-loss record of 98-88 over its three seasons. The team holds the Northern League record for most consecutive wins, nine in a row. The high quality of the players is evidenced by the 11 former Canaries now playing for major league affiliates.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the team roster of the 1995 Sioux Falls Canaries at the conclusion of my remarks. Presently, the Canaries are only three games out of first. I have every reason to expect the team will finish on top by the end of the season.

Mr. President, Sioux Falls baseball has had a great tradition of exceptional all-around play. I want to congratulate the Sioux Falls Canaries organization on more than living up to this high standard on the field and giving the Sioux Falls community something to cheer about. I wish the team the very best of success in the future.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### 1995 SIOUX FALLS CANARIES

No.	Name	Position	Hometown
50	Dick Dietz	Manager	Pawley's Island, SC
3	Hiro Shirahata	Coach	Tokyo, Japan
26	Frank Verdi	Pitching coach	Port Richey, FL
24	Mike Burton	First base	Port Charlotte, FL
36	Aaron Cannaday	Catcher	Monroeville, NJ
14	Benny Castillo	Centerfield	Cooper City, FL
8	Beau Champoux	Shortstop	San Diego, CA
21	Tony Coscia	Pitcher	San Jose, CA
25	Rob Croxall	Pitcher	El Segundo, CA
34	Adell Davenport	Leftfield	Greenville, MS
6	Matt Davis	Second base	Chico, CA
29	Nic Frank	Outfield	Camarrillo, CA
40	Kevin Garner	First Base/DH	Austin, TX
28	Joel Gilmore	Pitcher	Conroe, TX
22	Rod Huffman	Pitcher	Tyler, TX
33	Eduardo Lantigua	Rightfield	Moca, DR
18	Glenn Meyers	Pitcher	Wilders, KY
31	Jason Mickel	Pitcher	Portland, OR
27	Bobby Post	Pitcher	Reno, NV
23	Jon Saylor	Pitcher	Dallas, TX
9	Mike Tarter	Catcher	Marietta, GA
7	Frank Valdez	Third base	Miami, FL
20	Max Valencia	Pitcher	San Francisco, CA
19	Andy Wise	Pitcher	Fountain Valley, CA

#### NAVY SECRETARY JOHN H. DALTON'S SPEECH AT CHANGE OF COMMAND OF COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I attended the change of command of the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps where Gen. Charles Krulak relieved Gen. Carl Mundy and became the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, made a truly outstanding speech. Therefore, I would like to share the contents of this speech with my colleagues, so I ask

unanimous consent that a copy of his speech entitled, "The Marine Corps' Change of Command" be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my remarks.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### THE MARINE CORPS' CHANGE OF COMMAND (BY HON. JOHN DALTON)

Secretary White, distinguished members of Congress, General Shalikashvili and the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marines, ladies and gentleman.

I am proud to serve as the Secretary of the United States Marine Corps. And, I am deeply honored to participate in the change of command of an institution that sets the standard for military leadership around the world.

Today is an important day in the lives of these two great men, General Carl Mundy and General Chuck Krulak. But, they would be the first to tell you that today belongs not to them, but to the Corps.

Their selfless attitude is seen clearly in Carl Mundy's insistence that he not be recognized with any personal decorations at this ceremony.

However, I think you all should know that on behalf of the Department, I have awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal to General Mundy. Similarly the Secretary of Defense and each one of our sister services have awarded him their Distinguished Service Medal.

General Mundy, you have served with honor, courage and commitment in a manner befitting the Commandant of the Corps. Our allies thank you, America thanks you and above all your Marines thank you for a lifetime dedicated to the defense of freedom.

Carl's many accomplishments and honors would not have been possible without the love and support of his family, especially his devoted wife, Linda. For nearly four decades Linda has served as a Marine wife and mother. During the past four years she has endeared herself to everyone she has touched and has established a special place in history for herself as the First Lady of the Marine Corps. It was an honor for me to recognize her achievements with the Department of the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award.

The past four years have been challenging ones for the Navy and Marine Corps team. Amidst the drawdown in force structure, shrinking defense budgets and expanding global commitments, General Mundy has led the Corps to new levels of excellence, efficiency and effectiveness. By encouraging closer integration with the Navy, you have created a Marine Corps with enhanced capabilities that is prepared for every eventuality.

It is this spirit of closer integration between the Navy and Marine Corps that will be a legacy of Carl Mundy to our Naval Service. Such integration and interoperability ensure that the Navy and Marine Corps team will be prepared for the challenges and battlefields of the next millennium.

General Mundy's inspiring leadership, bold courage, and extraordinary vision have perpetuated a dynamic and innovative Corps and have put in place the mechanism to ensure that the Corps will continue to flourish.

Today is another step in the continuing evolution of the Corps—one of America's true national treasures. Today we witness the change of command, the passing of responsibility and acceptance of accountability for the United States Marine Corps.

General Krulak, you now take up the standard for the most elite fighting force in